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SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Have the Government considered, Sir, the question of the debts of the landless labourers? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I would like to draw the hon. Member's attention to the Land Revenue Reforms Committee Report which has been circulated to hon. Members. As I have already said all aspects of the question are being examined."

The Krishna-Pennar Project.

* 111 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the original plan of the Krishna-Pennar Project was designed to be;

(*b*) whether it has undergone any change and if so, in what respects; and

(*c*) whether he will be pleased to furnish full particulars of all the plans so far available including the one which will submerge Kurnool town and the one recently sent to the Planning Commission with special reference to the nature of the dams to be constructed, the capacity of the reservoirs, the alignment of the canals, the districts benefited and the extent of such benefit, the area that will be submerged on account of the proposed reservoirs and such other particulars relating to the schemes?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) to (*c*) Copies of a note and statement [a] giving particulars of the Krishna-Pennar Project as originally planned are placed on the table of the House. There was no plan for the Krishna-Pennar Project involving the submersion of Kurnool town. The original plan of the project drawn up was for the utilization of 825 T.M.Cft. of the Krishna waters. But since the Planning Commission allotted to Madras only 470 T.M.Cft. of the waters of the Krishna basin for new schemes of this State the Krishna-Pennar Project has been revised with reference to the availability of supply. Details of the revised project are given in the brochure on the project already laid on the table of the House.

The Krishna reservoir of the revised project would submerge 272 square miles or about 1·74 lakhs acres of territory, half in Kurnool district and half in Hyderabad State. Of the extent submersible in Madras State only 2,180 acres are wet land, 54,445 acres are dry land, and 400 acres garden lands. The number of villages which will be partly or fully submerged will be 38 in this State. The Pennar reservoir would submerge 200 square miles or 1·28 lakhs of acres of territory in Madras including only 12,400 acres wet, 52,000 acres dry, and 4,000 acres garden lands in Cuddapah district. It will submerge either fully or partly 117 villages in Cuddapah district."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 298–302 infra.

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, which part of the Cuddapah district will be affected by this project? "

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" I am sorry, Sir, I cannot give a reply off-hand."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, whether the benefit derived by the Cuddapah district will be commensurate with the loss sustained by the submersion of large areas? Siddhavattam town and taluk will be completely submerged. That is why I asked what are the actual parts of Cuddapah district that will be submerged."

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Sir, in the execution of schemes of a beneficial nature like this, it is quite possible that a few villages or a few people do suffer but the Government take care to see that the suffering is mitigated by providing adequate compensation. Also, as the Government have been doing both in regard to the Lower Bhavani and the Tungabhadra Projects, the rehabilitation of the people who are displaced by these projects is also a part of the scheme."

Development of irrigation and power resources.

* 112 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether any supplemental plan for the development of irrigation and power resources has been submitted to the Planning Committee and if so, what the particulars of those plans are including the cost involved?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" Yes. A statement[a] is laid on the table of the House."

Strength of various cadres of officers in the Public Works Department.

* 113 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the sanctioned strength of the cadres of various officers in the Public Works Department is;

(*b*) what the present actual strength, permanent and temporary, is;

(*c*) whether those employed on temporary basis are entitled to the privileges accorded to permanent employees after they have put in a period of service;

(*d*) whether the rule that those who are continuously in service for a period of three years should be automatically confirmed if their work is satisfactory, has been given effect to in the Public Works Department;

(*e*) what the number of temporary officers under each category who have been employed for three years and more, is; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on page 302 *infra*.